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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—When personal matters are the subject of communications, a rigorous scrutiny will be made of their contents. Please sign full name, and only on one side of your paper, and be brief.

The El Paso Times has changed its form and now appears as a five-column, eight-page paper.

The twenty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at St. Louis next Monday.

The Salt River Valley News has had its name changed to the Tempe News and has been enlarged to six columns.

The steamship Alesia, from Italy, arrived at New York on the 23d inst. with four violent cases of Asiatic cholera. Eight persons died on the voyage.

The Tucson Star has become the organ of the Reavis'. Hughes recently had an interview with the Barrenness of the Colorado and was completely mashed.

Arizona has been set apart as a separate department of the Grand Army of the Republic with A. L. Grow, of Tombstone, as provisional department commander.

Odds of 10 to 8 are offered in New York on the Volunteer to beat the Thistle in the international yacht race, with no takers. It is said that the Scotch are holding off for better odds.

The Attorney-General has brought suit against the old directors of the insane asylum and their bondsmen to recover for the territorial moneys which, it is alleged, the directors expended in unlawful ways.

Parliament has been prorogued. The queen says in her message that she has agreed with the President of the United States to refer to a joint commission the difficult question respecting the North American fisheries, which have recently been discussed by the two nations.

The Star says that Judge Barnes has decided that witnesses subpoenaed to testify in criminal cases are not entitled to per diem. This decree will be a saving to the county of many thousands of dollars per year, but will be severe on witnesses who have to come from a long distance. But such is the law not only in Arizona but generally throughout the land.

The Phenix Gazette, with a great deal of truth, thinks that the ever-recurring washouts along the line of the Southern Pacific railroad and the frequent and long delays resultant to traffic ought to have long since convinced the company that they had chosen the wrong route. A new line up the valley of the Gila that would avoid much of this work could be built with what it cost to keep the old route in repair.

Eskiminzin and his band of thieving Indians have been engaged lately in killing and stealing cattle in Pinal county. Demand was made on San Carlos for aid in arresting them, but it was refused on the ground that the band were not reservation Indians. Subsequently a posse under Sheriff Fryer succeeded in making the arrests without any trouble, although serious consequences were threatened at first.

A dispatch from Tucson, under date of 21st inst. says: Citizens who have just returned from San Pedro state that all crops on the bottom lands between Mammoth and Benson have been entirely destroyed by floods. Fields of growing cane and corn are now but a lot of sand. Such a rush of water has never before been known. It will take years for ranchers to recover from these losses.

Secretary Lamar has overruled Commissioner Sparks' decision relative to the right of a married woman to make desert land entries. Commissioner Sparks denied the same. Secretary Lamar has overruled the decision. The married woman is now entitled to make such entries.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 23d inst. gives the following description of a novel parade: The Chinese residents of this city had a remarkable parade in honor of a great idol known as "Tan Wong," recently brought from China. The parade was one of oriental magnificence, but was confined to the streets and alleys in Chinatown. Costly banners and weapons were brought from China expressly for this occasion. There were ten thousand Chinamen in line and numerous Chinawomen on richly caparisoned horses, the column presenting a blaze of color. The women wore long, silken gowns and at their sides walked attendants holding high banners of gold. The men in the procession carried antique war implements, long gilt maces, elaborately carved swords on spears, around whose points were coiled gilt lizards, snakes and flaming dragons. A number of tall banners that sprang twenty feet in the air were preceded with another heavily armed battalion attired in the brightest yellow and carrying weapons, no two of which were alike. Immediately preceding the mighty "Tan Wong" was a band of music sounding huge gongs and kettle drums, while a body of cannoners followed keeping up a constant fusillade of fire-crackers. Twelve worshipers clad in light yellow carried "Tan Wong," who sat in a high chair. About and behind him trod the attendants of Christ in long satin shrouds that swept the ground. They were accompanied by incense bearers whose censers were hung from the ends of long red poles. Following "Tan Wong" was a dragon one hundred and seventy-five feet long and described as the most gorgeous ever seen in America. He was supported by sixty worshipers. This monster opened its mouth, writhed its body and by appliance known only to the Chinese, kept up a general outwards appearance of life as though desiring to devour the spectators viewing its contortions. The idol will be placed in the Joss house to-day to be worshiped.

Train robbery would seem to be one of the most safe and lucrative businesses. Hardly a week goes by now without the news of a raid by a party of enterprising and progressive gentlemen, who combine and make a successful deal in Wells, Fargo and Uncle Sam. The last venture in this line was made on the night of the 20th inst. when two masked men, with drawn revolvers, mounted the cab of the Texas and Pacific east-bound express train as it pulled out of Benbrook, a small station twelve miles west of Fort Worth, Tex. The engineer was ordered to run the train a few miles from Benbrook. It was stopped just over the high trestle. Here two other masked men boarded the train. The fireman and engineer were then placed under guard and a dozen shots were fired into the express car and the door was finally opened by Pacific Express Messenger Maloney. One of the robbers entered and cleared out the safe and then went into the mail car. Messenger Griffiths offered no resistance. Every registered letter in the car was secured by the robber. The work was done in ten minutes and the engineer was ordered to pull out. The train was the through express from San Francisco. The booty taken was valued at \$30,000. The train was robbed at the same trestle last June. The guards were in passenger coaches, but they were over the trestle. No attempt was made to molest the passengers.

At the north end of the Maricopa and Phenix railroad bridge Messrs. W. Slankard and H. W. Ryder have opened a stone quarry which promises fair to surpass any building material in this territory. The stone is an argillons and silicious sandstone, of a light red color, and hardens with exposure, will dress well and take a high degree of polish. Large quantities have already been taken out and the ledge is exposed to a width of about fifty feet and a depth of eight to ten feet, is about 100 feet wide and can be distinctly traced for a long distance. Everything indicates an inexhaustible supply. The quarry is of easy access and its close proximity to the railroad gives it a great advantage over the more remote quarries. The owners have already received a number of orders which they are now busily engaged in filling. Thus another industry added to the already favored section.

A prize fight in Bangor, Me., lately, a row started and after two hours, the police were unable to check it. Two men were killed outright, thirteen dangerously wounded and of the killed was a police-

## Lordsburg Correspondence.

The washouts have been washed out again. It is said that the region where the washouts occurred was ready for trains to pass over, but was washed out the second time considerably worse than the first. A party who went to the front from this end says the section of country where the rain has been so prolific is the most desolate that he ever saw. He says the rains in the mountains must have been awful in immensity, as the water literally cut a channel through mounds, washing away everything except the permanent rocky formation as fixed by nature. His description of the scene is beyond the stretch of imagination. He stated that railroad iron and ties had been carried by the force of the current hundreds of yards from the grade. It is probable that the road will not be ready for through traffic before the 10th ult.

Dr. Geddis has just returned from Texas. He went for the purpose of bringing his family; but in view of the uncertainty of railroad travel pertaining to washouts, accidents and train robberies he let his family remain until a more propitious time.

Steve Dye, Esq. has a subscription list liberally subscribed to by the residents of this place to a weekly newspaper that he intends to start. The material and press will be purchased from the Enterprise of Silver City. Mr. Dye is an old newspaper man and it is safe to say that when he starts up, a new era will open in the newspaper history of this town.

Jim Winters, one of the pioneer prospectors of this part of New Mexico and eastern Arizona, is in town. If your space permitted I would undertake to give a brief sketch of his experience as a mountaineer and prospector. He it was who discovered what is known as the Silver camp, which is located just outside of the Clifton copper zone in a north-westerly direction from Clifton, and near where are the new discoveries in the Granville district. He is one of the first locators of property in the Gold Hill mining district; and when it was known that horn silver had been found on the Beck mine at Stein's Pass, or rather on the Steins Peak range, he commenced to prospect that district and discovered the now well-known Volcano mine, in which he owns a good interest. Jim is a typical prospector and frontiersman; honorable to a degree and generous to a fault.

The procuring of deeds by parties interested is well under way by those who have taken up location on the Lordsburg township. Mr. J. G. Parke is busy making application to the Probate Judge embodying an accurate description of sub-divisions (town lots) of the township, as is required by law.

A detachment of the sixth United States cavalry, in command of Lieutenant Biddle, arrived here last Friday. They remained over night. Why they were out, or what they were going to do, was wrapped in mystery. It was supposed they were a party representing a band of Indians on a raid, in accordance with the new plan of military tactics or drill as inaugurated by General Miles for the better hunting, trailing and capture of those Apaches who periodically take a notion to add a chapter of cruelty and murder to their marauding record. But it seems such is not the case as they started from Fort Bayard with a wagon loaded with laths, which were broken in three pieces, and at stated intervals of 7 miles, a bunch of the broken laths were dropped. What this signified none of the soldiers knew. Perhaps, as a fellow said here, they were afraid of being lost, and in order not to miss a ration a marked trail was left for the rescuing party to follow, if it should so happen. This would be a good plan for the North Pole explorers to pursue. It would do away with the necessity of feasting on the noblest work of God; and of course dispense with congressional interference with such banquets.

George, the barber, says I misquoted him in my last letter. He says he never was mortified by using such language as "the ill-fated conundrum rest its mighty body on the delicate zodiac of fame; but rather the conglomerate of zodiacum blunders at the modesty put on rectangular grammatic deeply dyed-in-the-wool parallelism apogee." Sufficient for the day is the nonsense thereof.

John Foster and Jesse Keister have returned from a prospecting trip. They started from here and went up the Stein's Peak range as far as the line of old Mexico. They found mineral, but water was so distant from the locality that they made no thorough prospect of it.

The formation is quartzite, iron and lime, and extends over twenty miles in bold croppings. They also found an extensive bed of fossils. The fossilized matter ranged from reptiles to the family of Mollusca. Of the latter your correspondent was the recipient of a very fine specimen. They report having passed over a magnificent country in a primitive state, rich in running water, fine arable land and timber, such as oak, sycamore and cottonwoods. They have gone to Gold Hill to do some assessment work, after which they are going back to thoroughly examine the region—a section of Grant county—that from all accounts is destined to be the garden spot of the Territory.

Miss Mary, sister of Messrs. Joe and Mike Leahy, arrived last Saturday from Kingston, Canada. She will remain here a week or more with Joe, then will go to Fort Thomas, Ariz., to visit Mike.

Passengers, baggage, mail and express matter was transferred over the washouts to Benson Sunday night, and all through travel will be made over the line from this time on, if it does not become too hazardous on account of fogs, dews, etc.

The Standard Mutual mining company is going to pay \$2.50 per day for laborers and outside men. The outlook for a prosperous period in mining matters was never better than it is now in this vicinity. Quid Nescit. Lordsburg, N. M., Sept. 26th.

At the Apache term of court Francisco Baca, ex deputy treasurer of Apache county, charged with the embezzlement of county funds to the amount of \$11,166.54, returned a verdict "guilty of embezzlement as charged in the indictment." Nathan Barth settled the suits against him, both criminal and civil, by paying a fine of \$500, the widow of Morris Barth \$9,000, and leaving the Territory by the first of January, 1888. Eben Stanley and Charles Gray, indicted for grand larceny, were given the alternative of leaving the Territory or standing trial, and concluded to leave Arizona, whereupon the indictments against them were continued. Frank Clark, charged with murder for the killing of Patrick Mullen in April last, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

## Rodeo Law.

Section 1. Cattle owners living in the same general neighborhood can agree upon the time, manner and place of holding rodeos, but such rodeos shall be held once in each year. When the time of rodeos is agreed upon, notice of the same must be posted in three public places in the neighborhood, and at least ten days previous to such rodeos.

Sec. 2. Cattle owners after such rodeos shall drive all the cattle belonging to them back to the ranches in possession of the owners of such cattle respectively.

Sec. 3. Whenever any person turns cattle on any range already occupied or in possession of another he shall furnish water on such range in addition to that already thereon, free, unfenced and on the surface sufficient to water all such additional cattle.

Sec. 4. Any person violating the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable as provided for the punishment of a misdemeanor by the penal code. Chapter 81 of the Compiled Laws of Arizona, and "an act for the protection of stock raisers," approved March 7, 1881, are hereby repealed.

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## NOTICE TO Taxpayers.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Duplicate Assessment Roll of the County of Graham for the year 1887 is now in my possession for the collection of taxes levied therein. Taxes will be delinquent on the third (3d) Monday of December, and if not paid on that day, or prior thereto, five (5) per cent will be added to the amount thereof as penalty. Said taxes are payable at the office of the County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector at the town of Solomonsville, Graham County, Arizona Territory. S. W. POMEROY, County Treasurer & Ex-Officio Tax Collector. Per FRED M. NEWELL, Deputy. Solomonsville, Sept. 12, 1887.

## Proposals Wanted.

OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF GRAHAM, TERRITORY OF ARIZONA.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Graham, Territory of Arizona, will receive sealed proposals up to 12 o'clock M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 3d, 1887, for the building of an Hospital at Solomonsville, Graham county, Arizona, upon the Court-house grounds. Said Hospital to be built according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of said Board of Supervisors. Bids must be accompanied by a copy of this notice and a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$1,000 for the faithful performance of the contract, if awarded.

Proposals to be filed with the Clerk of the Board and to be endorsed "Proposals to Build Hospital."

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P. MICHELELA, Clerk Board of Supervisors. Dated at Solomonsville, Arizona September 13, 1887.



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